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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. MANLEY STEPS UP CRITICISM OF US

DURING A FEBRUARY 17 MEETING WITH SENATOR MOYNIHAN AND
AMBASSADOR GERARD, PRIME MINISTER MANLEY DISCUSSED CUBA
AND THE ALLEGED CIA ROLE IN JAMAICA'S RECENT ELECTION.
MANLEY SAID THAT:

--A NUMBER OF CASTRO'S ECONOMIC POLICIES MIGHT BE
APPLICABLE IN JAMAICA.

--THE US SHOULD NO LONGER VIEW CUBA AS AN EXPORTER OF
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REVOLUTION.

--HE HOPES TO EFFECT A RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN CUBA AND
THE US.

--CUBA IS A STRONG ADVOCATE OF THIRD WORLD POSITIONS.

--CASTRO IS NOT PLEASED WITH HIS DEPENDENCE ON THE USSR AND IS PRIMARILY A NATIONALIST, OR MORE NEARLY A MAOIST.

MANLEY SAID THAT WHILE MANY BELIEVED THE CIA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE JAMAICAN DESTABILIZATION CAMPAIGN, HE PLACED THE BLAME ON THE MAFIA AND ANTI-CASTRO ELEMENTS. HE WENT ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT HE FIRMLY BELIEVES THE CIA DID HELP THE OPPOSITION DURING THE ELECTION WITH MONEY, PRACTICAL ADVICE, PRINTING, AND IN "OTHER WAYS."

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: PRIME MINISTER MANLEY CAME ACROSS MORE STRONGLY PRO-CASTRO THAN HERETOFORE. HIS STATED CONVICTION THAT THE CIA WAS ACTIVE IN THE ELECTION IS A NEW ONE WHICH DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR THE FUTURE. (CONFIDENTIAL) KINGSTON 824 (LIMDIS), 2/21.)

2. IRAQ HOLDS THE LINE

PRESIDENT BAKR HAS DISPATCHED PERSONAL ENVOYS TO ALGERIA AND LIBYA IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO BOLSTER THE REJECTIONIST FRONT IN THE FACE OF INDICATIONS THAT THE PLO IS COOPERATING WITH MODERATE ARAB REGIMES. USINT BAGHDAD REPORTS THAT THE GOI EVIDENTLY FEELS THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE BY PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND SECRETARY VANCE AT THE END OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ISRAEL GAVE IRAQ AN OPENING TO CHARGE THAT THE ISRAELI POSITION IS BECOMING MORE RIGID DESPITE ARAB CONCESSIONS, AND THAT SECRETARY VANCE HAS MOVED CLOSER TO THE ISRAELI INSISTENCE ON THE NEED TO REWRITE THE PLO CONFIDENTIAL

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3. FRENCH COMMUNIST COMMENTS ON A LEFTIST GOVERNMENT

FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCF) "FOREIGN MINISTER" JEAN KANAPA TOLD EMBASSY PARIS OFFICERS THAT A LEFTIST COALITION GOVERNMENT WOULD:

--SEEK TO SLOW THE INTERNATIONAL ARMS RACE BY SIGNING THE NPT, RESTRICTING THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY, AND PARTICIPATING IN CCD AND MBFR, BUT WOULD NOT DISARM UNILATERALLY NOR NECESSARILY RELINQUISH THE FORCE DE FRAPPE;

--WELCOME A RENEGOTIATION OF THE "OBSOLETE" NATO TREATY, BUT WOULD NOT WITHDRAW FROM THE ORGANIZATION; AND

--ATTEMPT TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH THE US/USSR 1971

AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR, AND IN
OTHER WAYS BECOME A PARTNER IN DETENTE.

KANAPA ADDED THAT THE PRECISE ALLOCATION OF MINISTRIES IN A
UNITED LEFT GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT MATTER, AS THE GOVERNMENT
WOULD MAKE MAJOR DECISIONS ON A COLLEGIAL BASIS. HE ALSO
SUGGESTED THAT US VISA LAW CONCERNING COMMUNISTS WOULD BE
OF INTEREST AT THE BELGRADE CSCE DISCUSSIONS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: CONTINUED ATTEMPTS OVER TWO YEARS TO MEET
WITH KANAPA HAD BEEN MARKED BY TOTAL DISINTEREST ON THE
PART OF THE FRENCH COMMUNISTS. IT WAS ONLY RECENTLY THAT
WE LEARNED THAT SUCH A MEETING WAS NOW ACTUALLY BEING
SOUGHT BY THE PCF. BOTH KANAPA AND PARTY FIRST SECRETARY
MARCHAIS HAVE MADE RECENT STATEMENTS WHICH COULD BE READ AS
GESTURES TOWARD THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION. ON THE SUB-
STANCE, MOST OF KANAPA'S POINTS WERE STANDARD FARE. HIS
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INSISTENCE ON A COLLEGIAL UNITED LEFT GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER,
IS A NEW AND CLEAR STATEMENT THAT THE PCF DOES NOT INTEND
TO ALLOW THE SOCIALISTS TO RUN THE MINISTRIES WHICH THEY
RECEIVE. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 5058, 2/18.)

4. DANES SHIFT TO AWACS

THE PROJECT OFFICER FOR THE DANISH AIRBORNE WARNING AND
CONTROL SYSTEM (AWACS) TOLD EMBASSY COPENHAGEN ON FEBRUARY
17 THAT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS DECIDED THAT DENMARK
SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE AWACS PROJECT, BUT WITH CONTRIBU-
TIONS OF ABOUT ONE PERCENT OF THE COST RATHER THAN THE ONE-
AND-A-HALF PERCENT RECOMMENDED BY NATO. THE OFFICER CAU-
TIONED AGAINST REVEALING THE DECISION AT THIS TIME, SINCE
THE ISSUE REMAINS POLITICALLY SENSITIVE IN DENMARK. HE
ADDED THAT THE EVENTUAL ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH
DANISH, NOT NATO, CHANNELS. (CONFIDENTIAL) COPENHAGEN
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